



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2010

A regular meeting of the Postsecondary Education Commission was held at 3 Barrell Court, Concord, New Hampshire at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The following members were present:

Helen Giles-Gee, Chair
Father Jonathan DeFelice, Vice Chair
Stephen Appleby
Virginia Barry
John Curran
Thomas Galligan
John Hutson
Edward MacKay
Michele Perkins
Eli Rivera
Sara Jayne Steen
Gregory Wallace

The following persons also attended: James Craiglow, President Emeritus/Chancellor Emeritus, Antioch University New England; Thomas Horgan, President and CEO, NH College & University Council; Patricia Lynott, V.P. of Academic Affairs, and Patrick Cullen, Director of Justice Studies, from Southern New Hampshire University; Kathryn Dodge, Executive Director, Patricia Edes, Assistant to the Executive Director and Patricia Moquin, Office Assistant; Anne Hoffler, Executive Assistant, Cynthia Capodestria, Student Financial Assistance Coordinator; Lynn West, Administrator and Kimberly Kenneally, Program Assistant, Career School Licensing; Larry Elbroch, Administrator and Clifton Burdette, Associate, Veterans State Approvals; Catherine Yeager, Transcriptionist

- 1) Chair Giles-Gee called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and asked those present to introduce themselves.
- 2) Ms. West presented an update on Career School Licensing that included the required report on unlicensed career schools in NH.

- 3) Ms. Barry, as Commissioner of the NH Department of Education, presented an update on the “Race to the Top” federal grant and the national “Common Core State Standards Initiative,” that seeks to strengthen linkages between K-12 and higher education. Representatives from colleges and universities were encouraged to participate in these discussions. The current Governor’s P-16 Working Group will also be involved in discussions.

Executive Director Dodge described the current goals of the Governor’s P-16 Working Group: (1) all students complete high school; (2) to have more of those students attend some form of postsecondary; (3) to complete some form of postsecondary. These three goals are related to the NH cohort. The last two goals are (4) to have more students complete a degree-granting education at a two or four-year public or private institution; (5) to have more of our college graduates stay, work and play in NH.

- 4) Executive Director Dodge presented highlights of the Executive Director Report. These included:
- a. Recognition of the staff for workload challenges of late, e.g., Ingrid Lemaire’s retirement and leaving the position for the College Access Challenge Grant vacant; budget cuts; assisting auditors; Judith Knapp going from a full-time employee to a part-time employee, etc.
 - b. A “Call for Comments” on N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Pos 1000 (colleges and universities) scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2010 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Institutions were encouraged to send staff.
 - c. The 2010 “Status of Postsecondary Education in New Hampshire” report will be available in May of 2010.
 - d. S.B. 503, relative to the Unique Pupil Identifier was introduced, which would allow tracking of individual student progress. For the record, Vice Chair DeFelice commented that due to concerns about privacy issues, independent institutions and the national independent higher education organizations insist the proposed legislation allow for, but not require participation of private institutions. The NH proposed legislation does such.
 - e. College Access Challenge Grant funding would increase from \$330,000 to \$760,000 if funding goes through. There is interest in, if possible, alignment of postsecondary education financial aid goals and the Governor’s P-16 Working Group goals with the next round of the grant.
 - f. An update on the U.S. Department of Education’s Negotiated Rules Team for Program Integrity. There is an emerging national dialogue focused on confirming relationships and roles between states, accreditors and the federal government. Disagreement about state reliance on accreditors was one of the issues that kept the group from reaching consensus.

- g. The Commission's budget for the remaining months of FY '10 has been cut by \$90,000 with major impacts on the Workforce Incentive Program and the Granite State Scholars Program. The Commission was also required to cut \$365,000 from FY 2011. With a recommendation from Chair Giles-Gee, and unanimous agreement from Commissioners, it was agreed that the full Commission would forward a letter of support to the governor expressing how important financial aid monies are to students, and reinforcing the work of the Commission and the benefits to the citizens of NH. Executive Director Dodge will draft the letter of support and Chair Giles-Gee and Vice Chair DeFelice will edit.
- 5) Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan to move Gallaudet University to the consent calendar for acceptance of its Annual Report.
- 6) Executive Director Dodge presented a request and Annual Report from Cornell University. Due to the timing related to Cornell University's request to continue to offer the currently approved program to a new cohort without missing a recruitment cycle, and the full Commission not meeting until March 11, 2010, the Executive Committee held an emergency meeting on January 27, 2010. The Executive Committee voted to approve Cornell University's request to begin advertising for a second single cohort of students beginning in June 2010, but with the caveat that in its advertisements it state, "Pending Commission approval at the March 11, 2010 meeting."
- Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Mr. Appleby, to accept Cornell University's Annual Report for the Executive Boardroom Site portion of the Cornell-Queens Executive Master of Business Administration, and to approve Cornell University to offer the Executive Boardroom Site portion of the Cornell-Queens Executive Master of Business Administration at its Boardroom Learning Center at 11 Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH, for a second single cohort of students beginning in June 2010.
- 7) Mr. Craiglow presented Southern New Hampshire University's Annual Report for the Master of Science in Justice Studies. The program matured and substantial progress was made. Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Appleby, to approve Southern New Hampshire University's Annual Report for the M.S. in Justice Studies and to award terminal approval. Also, that the Commission grant terminal approval for the Master of Science degrees that are aligned with Southern New Hampshire University's institutional mission.
- 8) Mr. Craiglow presented a request from the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education to operate in New Hampshire and offer a post-baccalaureate Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program, with two marginally different, but clearly distinct, strands. One MAT strand designed to lead to initial teacher certification in California; the other MAT strand designed to provide master's level work for credentialed experienced educators teaching in K-12 public schools or non-credentialed educators teaching in private schools. Almost exclusively delivered on-line through synchronous and asynchronous modes, the MAT would target urgent needs to improve urban education throughout the U.S. There is an acknowledgement from the NH Department of

Education's Director of State Certification and Compliance that this program would likely focus on the Manchester area market and that its presence in New Hampshire would probably be limited. Mr. Craiglow recommended administrative approval be granted to the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education to offer the MAT with California certification in the State of New Hampshire for the period April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, with annual reports required that would include information on: (1) number of New Hampshire student enrollees; (2) an overview of student demographics – age, residence, etc.; (3) school placements and "master teacher" identification; (4) changes in delivery or curriculum, if any, beginning December 31, 2010. In addition, the Commission would reserve the right to conduct evaluative activities, including, but not limited to: classroom visitations, meetings with master teachers, and phone conversations with students and/or classroom master teachers. Authority would expire at the end of any calendar year for which required reports are not received.

Discussion followed. Mr. Rivera moved, seconded by Mr. Appleby to table this request until further information is gathered from other states who approved the program. The motion passed without dissent.

- 9) Executive Director Dodge presented WyoTech's Annual Report. It was found that annual Commission review of curricula, in addition to accreditor reviews, was not necessary and, therefore, the following recommendations were made: The Commission alter its December 10, 2009 vote. The Commission approve WyoTech to establish recruiters in the State of New Hampshire through June 30, 2012, with the following provisions:
 - a. WyoTech provides the Commission with annual reports, due December 31 of each year listing (a) Programs; (b) Enrollment by campus with a breakdown of New Hampshire students by program; (c) Updates to Declaration of Public Action.
 - b. WyoTech provides the name and address of any recruiter(s) residing in New Hampshire.
 - c. WyoTech must be in good standing with the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges and provide the Commission with accreditation updates that include changes in facilities/locations.

If WyoTech wishes to extend its approval, a request (in lieu of an annual report) would be due by December 31, 2011.

Mr. Hutson moved, seconded by Mr. Curran, to accept WyoTech's Annual Report and to accept above recommendations. The motion passed without dissent.

- 10) Mr. MacKay moved, seconded by Mr. Hutson, to accept the following annual/progress reports:

- a. Antioch University New England – Masters and Doctoral Degrees
- b. Boston University, Metropolitan College – Master of Science in Computer Science to Employees of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
- c. Case Western Reserve University – Core Courses for Doctor of Nursing
- d. Franklin Pierce University – Doctor of Arts in Leadership
- e. Gallaudet University – Graduate Extension Courses
- f. Hellenic American University – Associate of Science in Enterprise Network Administration, Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with majors in Finance, Marketing and Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics, Master of Arts in Translation, Master of Business Administration, including Professional Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Music (B.M.) with concentrations in Music Performance, Music Theory and Composition, Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics with concentrations in Discourse in English Language Teaching, Testing, or Translation/Interpreting, Master of Arts in Conference Interpreting, Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- g. Hesser College - Associate in Business Science, Associate in Early Childhood Education, Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies, Associate of Science in: Business Computer Applications, Microcomputer Support Specialist, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Medical Assisting, Paralegal, Communications, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Science in Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Concentration in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Concentration in Business Administration
- h. Johns Hopkins University – Master of Science in Systems Engineering
- i. Lebanon College – Bachelor of Science in Radiography
- j. Lesley University – the following degrees to any educator at any school site in the State of New Hampshire with prior approval from the executive director: M.Ed., Technology in Education, M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with Specialization in Integrated Teaching through the Arts, C.A.G.S., Integrated Teaching through the Arts, M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with Specialization in Literacy: Language, Reading and Writing, M.Ed. in Special Education, M.Ed. in Mathematics Education
- k. Magdalen College - Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts

- l. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences – Post Baccalaureate Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, Doctor of Pharmacy
- m. Pratt Institute – Spring/Summer Intensive Program for Master of Art Therapy or Master in Dance Therapy
- n. Rivier College - Ed.D. in Leadership and Learning
- o. St. John International University – Bachelor of Science in Environmental Architecture, Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Masters in Architecture, Masters in Business Administration, Master of Arts in International Arts Administration
- p. Springfield College – Bachelor of Science in Human Services - Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a Concentration in Addiction Studies, Master of Science in Human Services with a Concentration in Organizational Management and Leadership Master of Science in Human Services with a Concentration in Mental Health Counseling

The motion passed without dissent, with Vice Chair DeFelice abstaining from the votes for Rivier College and St. John International University.

- 11) On the motion of Mr. Galligan, seconded by Mr. Appleby the following N.H. Code of Administrative Rules was approved for adoption:

- a. Pos 1500, Program for Tuition Repayment for CART Providers and Sign Language Interpreters
- b. Pos 1600, Program for Tuition Repayment for Large Animal Veterinarians
- c. Pos 1700, Scholarship for Orphans of Police and Firefighters

The motion passed without dissent with Mr. Wallace abstaining.

- 12) On the motion of Mr. Galligan, seconded by Mr. Rivera, the members accepted the minutes of December 10, 2009. The motion passed without dissent.
- 13) Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to move into non-public session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Executive Director Dodge called the roll. The majority of the Commission voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.